

C H A P. II.

A Supplementary ACT, to the * Act for Limitation of Officer's Fees. *Lib. LL. N^o 4. fol. 353.* Passed 8th
June 1717.

* 1704, ch. 86; which Act was only Temporary, and expired in 1719, when a new Law was made: But this Act is without Limitation; and has no other Connexion with that of 1704, than in the Title.

WHEREAS several of the Inhabitants of this Province have complained, that the several and respective Officers within this Province, write their Accounts of Fees in such short abbreviated Words, that they cannot by any Means satisfy themselves for what the said Fees become due; for Prevention whereof for the future, Preamble.

II. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, all the several and respective Officers within this Province, whose Fees are due upon Execution, shall and are, by virtue of this Act, obliged to draw out the Particulars of their Fees in a fair legible Hand, and the Words at full length; and on Failure thereof, such Officer to lose such Fees, if expressed in Words cut off or abbreviated. And if any the Public Officers of this Province, having made out his Fees in abbreviated Words, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall insist on the levying such Fees as aforesaid, shall be fined Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco; one Half thereof to his Lordship the Lord Proprietor, to be applied to the Use of the Free-School in *Annapolis*, the other Half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province that can hold Plea of the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed. All Officers to draw out the Particulars of their Fees in a fair Hand, and in Words at length.
Penalty on Officers making out their Fees contrary hereto.

III. And be it hereby further Enacted and Declared, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the several Collectors and Naval Officers of this Province, within their several and respective Districts, for the several Acts and Things relating to their Office, by him or them to be done, shall have and receive the Fees hereafter mentioned, and no more, (*That is to say,*) to the Collector for Entering and Clearing a Ship or Vessel of One Hundred Tons or more, Twenty Shillings; for Entering and Clearing a Ship or Vessel under One Hundred Tons, Ten Shillings; for a Permit, Two Shillings and Six-pence; for a Navigation Bond, Five Shillings; for a Certificate to discharge a Navigation Bond, Five Shillings; for every Oath administered, One Shilling; for a Certificate to export Goods out of the Province, Five Shillings; for Transmitting and Recording a Vessel's Register, Five Shillings: And to the Naval Officer for Entering and Clearing a Ship or Vessel under One Hundred Tons, Ten Shillings; for Entering and Clearing a Ship above One Hundred Tons, Twenty Shillings; for a Permit, Two Shillings and Six-pence; for an Impost Bond, Five Shillings; for a Certificate of Goods imported, Five Shillings; for a Navigation Bond, Five Shillings; for every Oath made of Goods, One Shilling; for Recording and Transmitting a Ship's Register, Five Shillings; for Filing and Proving a Certificate, and Discharging a Navigation Bond, Five Shillings; for Certificate to discharge Navigation Bond, Five Shillings, and no more: And the said Collectors and Naval Officers, are hereby obliged to take but One Half of the Fees above expressed, for all Ships or Vessels of what Burthen soever, that are either built or purchased by the Inhabitants of this Province, Provided the Owners of the said Ships or Vessels do all actually reside in the same. Collector's Fees.
Naval Officer's Fees.
But Half Fees only shall be taken for Country Bottoms.

IV. And be it further Enacted, That all and every the Collectors and Naval Officers of this Province, shall receive such Fees as aforesaid, and no more,